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An out-break reported from Glasgow county, Tenn., which is worse than anything we have had in Kentucky. Sixteen negroes slaughtered by masked men. The negroes engaged, and threaten an uprising in many towns. The principals in the then troubles have agreed to surrender to the civil authorities for trial. All quiet at Lancaster, and no further troubles apprehended. Louisville Eagles defeated by the Capitals of Frankfurt. S. R. Lankford shot from the stand in Danville. The company of State Troops in residence at Lancaster, the remainder, under Gen. Hewitt, to go on a secret expedition, it is supposed to assist Judge Randall in his fight with the Breckinridge county.

THE LANCASTER DISTURBANCES.

More Men Than Bloodshed.

While many of the readers of the Journal are familiar with the general details of the recent difficulty in our neighboring town of Lancaster, many of them have either heard nothing at all of the affair, or have heard vague and conflicting rumors, more or less exaggerated. Hence we will endeavor to give as fair a statement of the whole difficulty as possible under the circumstances.

In the first place, Mr. E. D. Kennedy, a Democrat, and Mr. J. K. Faulkner, a Republican, had a

HOTLY CONTESTED RACE.

at the last election for the circuit clerkship of Garrard county, which resulted in the election of Faulkner by eleven votes. Kennedy gave notice that he would contest the election upon the grounds of alleged illegality, with a fair prospect of sustaining his cause. The partisans on either side became

VERY EXCITED.

during the progress of the canvass between these two men, and the excitement was intensified after the election as the legal contest between them progressed.

MR. WILLIAM SELLERS,

the present Representative of Garrard county in the Kentucky Legislature, met Kennedy recently, and, without provocation, as it is charged by Kennedy, shot and slightly wounded him. In this difficulty Sellers states that he was first attacked by Kennedy, and only shot in self-defense.

THIS RECENTLY, or, as the Kennedy party attempt it, attempt to

AMMUNITION KENNEDY,

exasperated the friends of both men, and trouble was looked for between the principals in the affair and their friends; though disinterested persons were actively interested themselves in effecting a reconciliation, with a fair prospect of success.

At this stage of the affair a desperate

character, named

COOLEY,

under the influence of whisky, and actuated by a spirit of ruffianism and lawlessness, now too common among men of his class, appeared upon the scene, and commenced abusing and maltreating both whites and negroes whom he met on the streets of Lancaster. The constabulary force of Lancaster were absent from town, and Cooley was not arrested, but suffered to continue his reprehensible conduct until nearly dark on Wednesday evening, when he was informed that the negroes were arming themselves with the intention of mobbing him. He then gathered a force of three or four companions and took possession of the courthouse. About dark a number of negroes organized and made an attack upon Cooley and his party, who retreated into the courthouse, and a general fire was kept up all night.

Our information is that neither

Kennedy nor Sellers participated in this fight. The negroes who led the attack were Luther Jackson and Geo. Cohen; whether they were incited by Sellers or any of his party we are unable to say. We do not believe they were.

Mr. Wm. F. Kennedy, who was not

engaged in the difficulty, and standing in the office of the Lancaster Hotel, was shot by the first gun fired; the ball striking him in the right side, passing through and lodging just under the skin. He was on the street next day.

Wm. Smith, a negro who waits upon

E. D. Kennedy, was standing near Cooley, when the first volley was fired, and received a wound in the groin and ran into the courthouse.

Dr. Steve Huddett was sent for to

dress the wound of the negro, Smith, and as he was approaching the entrance to the courthouse, he was fired upon and received three buckshot in the leg, from which he fell, and, as the firing was continued after his fall for some time, he took refuge behind a column of the piazza. For a while after the firing ceased his friends were afraid to go to his assistance, but finally did so, although under fire. A physician was summoned to attend the wounded doctor, but he refused to go to his assistance without a guard of soldiers. A guard was provided by the commanding officer of the U. S. troops, stationed at Lancaster, and they were allowed to enter the courthouse without molestation, but when they started from the building with the wounded doctor, a volley was fired upon them, another ball taking effect in his side. The soldiers called upon the attacking negroes to cease firing, stating that they were soldiers and were only caring for a wounded man, but no attention was paid them, when the soldiers returned the fire and covered the

retreat of Dr. Huddett and his attendants to the courthouse, where he was

compelled to remain all night without proper surgical attention and nursing, and listen to an unceasing fire of musketry.

The firing was kept up at intervals

all night, and every white man seen walking the streets was shot at by the negroes.

A young man, Geo. Griffin, was

standing by the side of Dr. Huddett when he was first fired upon, and one ball struck him in the calf of the leg.

On Thursday morning squads of

negroes armed with guns and pistols of

ever description, were seen in different parts of the town. A meeting of the

citizens of the town convened for the

purpose of devising means to secure

peace between the belligerents, when

the negroes rallied and formed a line

for the purpose of attacking, but

were prevailed upon to desist and

retire to another portion of the town.

A special police force of twenty-five

citizens succeeded in keeping down

any further disturbance during the

day, but on Thursday night the

negroes made an attack upon Mr. E. D.

Kennedy's residence, and riddled it

with bullets, wounding slightly a little

child, grandson of Mr. Kennedy.

At the time of this firing there were

more but women in the house, but

fortunately, and we might say miraculously,

no one was wounded but the child

above referred to.

On Friday morning Mr. Fred Yea-

key, deputy clerk in Kennedy's office,

was going from his residence to the

depot to attend the Richmond fair, un-

armed, and was fired upon by two

negroes, receiving wounds in both legs.

On Friday morning the residence of

Mr. Kennedy was set on fire by the

negroes.

During the day, Friday, the negroes

were receiving reinforcements from

the country around. At the request

of the trustees of the town the soldiers

aid in keeping down the disturbance,

but the commander, not having re-

ceived orders to interfere, withdrew

them before night and left the citizens

at the mercy of from fifty to seventy-

five armed and maddened semi-sav-

ages, who kept up the fire upon every

white man they saw during the night.

Reports of the disturbance spread rap-

idly through the adjoining counties.

Citizens of the town were fleeing to ad-

joining towns for refuge, as threats

were made by the negroes to burn

the town and kill the whites without

regard to sex or age.

Some fifteen young men went over

from Stanford to aid in quelling the

disturbance, and squads from other

towns hastened to the scene of conflict

to take position with the whites and

assist in dispersing, and, if necessary,

slaying the blacks—to restore peace at

all hazards.

Up to Saturday morning, Sellers

was at his home with a body-guard

composed of negroes and one white

man named Ward, who was wounded

in the final battle on Saturday evening.

All day Saturday both parties—

whites and blacks—were receiving re-

inforcements. Ward, with a large

number of negroes (Sellers having left

town early Saturday morning) had

harried themselves in the dwelling

house of Sellers, and from this place

shot at every white person who passed

or showed his face, while the whites

let pass, unmolested, negroes who were

unarmed.

Several times during the day propo-

sitions looking to a cessation of hos-

tilities were sent to the negroes, but they

answered with volleys from the por-

ts of their improvised fortress. They

"did not want peace, they must

fight."

Just before dark the whites sur-

rounded the negroes completely, dis-

tincting brave and daring men at the

different points of ingress to Sellers' house,

and, with the aid of tar-papered

balls, set fire to an out house, from

which the flames soon communicated

to the main building. They again

forced them to the negroes, with ample

protection, if they would agree to

surrender their arms to the civil au-

thorities, which offer was again an-

swered with volleys from their guns.

When the flames began to envelope

the building, Marshal Miller again in-

terested with U. S. troops to stop fur-

ther proceedings and bloodshed, and

with the understanding that the whites

would lay down their arms on the sur-

render of the negroes in Sellers' house,

the commander of the troops took a

squad of soldiers, waving a flag of

truce. When he arrived opposite Sellers' house, he was fired upon by the

negroes, and the whites stationed near

the soldiers, who were not made aware

of the arrangement with their leader,

continued firing upon the negroes,

notwithstanding the presence of the

soldiers. The soldiers then fired a volley upon both whites and blacks, and retreated to the

public square, where they fired volley after

volley upon the whites in the vicinity

of the courthouse while they were

flying in every direction to avoid de-

struction. Many of these were citi-

zens of the town and non-participants

in the difficulty. At this time Mr.

Foley received his death wound.

The firing was kept up upon Sellers' house

by the whites stationed around it until the troops again made their

appearance opposite the fortress and

opened fire upon the whites, calling to

the negroes to come out and join them.

The negroes rushed out of the building,

amidst the troops, and negroes and sol-

diers made a hasty retreat to the bar-

acks, firing upon whites as they went.

Only three men were killed: Mon-

tiee Foley, bar-keeper at the Mason

House, was shot by the soldiers and

died in a few minutes. Two negroes

named Jim Anderson and Jim Ray,

were shot and killed. It is thought

that seven or eight negroes were

mortally wounded and were left in the

burning building to perish in the

flames. He was rescued by a brave

and generous man whose life he had

attempted to take while he was offer-

ing to him and his dusky companions

terms of peace and protection. This

same gentleman also saved much of

Mr. Sellers' parlor furniture.

On Saturday an appeal was made

to Governor Leslie to interpose and

send State troops to the scene of conflict

to quell the rioters and restore peace.

Forthwith the Governor sent up from

Louisville a battalion of State guards,

under command of Lieut. Col. W. L.

Clark. They arrived at 5:30 a. m.

Monday last, on a special train. Im-

mediately after their arrival quiet

prevailed, and a feeling of relief was

felt by all. With the same train which

brought the State troops, came the

commission of Hon. M. H. Owsley as

Judge of the 8th Judicial District,

who forthwith issued the following

PROCLAMATION:

WHEREAS, There have been serious

disturbances in the town of Lancaster,

on the part of various persons, which

have already resulted fatally to the

lives of some of the citizens thereof,

and the serious injury and wounding

of others; and

WHEREAS, It is understood that

armed bands of men threaten to

further endanger the lives and property

of the citizens of said town and vicin-

ity.

Now therefore, by virtue of a com-

mission from the Governor of Ken-

tucky, and my qualification as Judge

of the 8th Judicial District of Ken-

tucky, and the powers vested in me

by law, I hereby direct and order all

persons who have been engaged in said

disturbances or contemplate further

violence, and all bands and squads of

armed men, and all individuals to im-

mediately disperse and lay down their

arms, and return to their homes as

peaceful citizens; otherwise they will

be subjected to all the pains and pen-

alties of the law.

I have at my command a military

force sent by the Governor, who will

aid the civil authorities in carrying

out this proclamation into effect.

This order will be enforced without

favor or partiality, and all violators

of law will be most rigidly dealt

with, and all peaceful citizens fully

protected. M. H. OWSLEY,

Judge 8th Judicial District of Ken-

tucky.

August 23, 1874.

SECOND PROCLAMATION.

The Commanding Officer of the

State Guard is respectfully required to

disarm all citizens whom he may find

inside the town limits, and all the

town authorities in every effort made

by them in quelling difficulties and

disturbances, and to assist in the

disbanding of any considerable

squads of citizens who may be found

congregated together in the streets,

and in the protection of all peaceful

citizens in the regular pursuits of

business or pleasure.

This 24th day of August, 1874.

[Signed] M. H. OWSLEY,

Judge 8th Judicial District Ky.

Judge Owsley has determined to

have prosecuted vigilantly all offend-

ers of the law, and maintain peace at

all hazards.

The State guards are conducting

themselves becomingly.

A number of negroes have been

arrested and disarmed, including the

leaders of the mob.

We leave the reader to form his own

judgment from the facts related. Cer-

tainly the affair is in no sense a political

war, and not a war of races, except so far

as the negroes who participated in the

mob are concerned.

It should teach black men that an

uprising against whites is a dangerous

thing; and in warning whites they en-

counter a generous but dangerous foe.

With the Kennedy and Sellers

